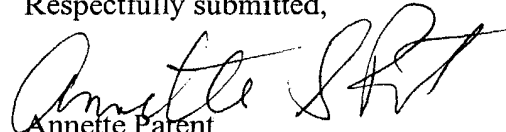


resulting from searching difficulties, the Examiner must show that the restricted groups have a separate classification, acquired a separate status in the art, or that searching would require different fields of search (MPEP at § 808.02). Applicants respectfully submit that all of the inventions in the present application can readily be searched without undue burden. As such, at the very least, Applicants request that the Examiner join Groups V and XIV because a search for one of the groups will identify art pertaining to the other.

In addition, to claim the subject matter of the invention more particularly, claim 7 has been canceled and new claims 32-38 have been added. Claims 32-38 are drawn to methods of detecting a breast cancer cell (group V). Claims 32-38 add no new matter. These claims all find support in the originally filed claims and in the specification. In particular claims 32-38 find support in original claim 7 and in the specification on page 2, lines 10-15, page 5, lines 5-30, page 12, line 29 to page 13, line 11, and page 15, lines 17-31.

If a telephone call would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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